

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY
SAN DIEGO MILITARY AND VETERANS
ADVISORY COUNCIL (SDMVAC)**

**Held In Person
North Central Live Well Center
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**SDMVAC Meeting Minutes
April 18, 2024**

Members Present

Jude Litzenberger
Danny Jackson
Tony Teravainen
Philip Kendro
Mia Roseberry
Paula Jansen
Jaime Yslas

Staff Present

Rick Wanne, Director, Self-Sufficiency Services
Alberto Banuelos, Assistant Director, Self-Sufficiency
Services
Amy Klock, OMVA
Ray Flores, OMVA

Guests

Keisha Jarvis-Jones, Foundation of Woman Warriors
Vic Martin, San Diego Veterans Coalition
Paul Pearigen – San Diego Military Advisory Council
Cali Harison – Synergy Home Care San Diego
Emeka Okeke – Synergy Home Care San Diego
Amy Quinino – Synergy Home Care San Diego
Samantha Jenking
Ashley Camac
Kate Needham-Cano
Dale Santee
Talia Gaytan

1. Meeting called to order at 1:05pm by Jude Litzenberger, Chair
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
 - SDMVAC present members noted above.
4. The February 15, 2024, meeting minutes were approved with the six Council Members present voting yes and one member abstaining.
5. Public Comments:

- No public comment.
6. **Discussion Item:** New Community Connections: SDMVAC Council members share community events they had recently attended. An update on the recent service event they attended that was planned for Veterans was given to the Council by the members. Chair Jude encouraged the Council to continue their support in participating at events or gatherings specifically aimed at Veterans.
 7. **Presentation Item:** Foundation of Woman Warriors; Keisha Javis-Jones, Community Partnerships Director of the Foundation of Women Warriors. Ms. Javis-Jones gave the Council a summary of their organization's mission objectives, along with details to assist the female Veterans population, including Warrior Assistance, Childcare Assistance, Women Veterans Lead, Warehouse Distributions and Warrior Connect.
 8. **Presentation Item:** San Diego County Office of Military and Veterans Affairs Update: Amy Klock, Human Services Program Manager of Office of Military and Veterans Affairs. Ms. Klock updated the Council on the progress of hiring for the Office of Military and Veterans Affairs (OMVA) officer position. She also addressed the addition of further positions within the department and shared the OMVA Data Tracker containing all operations for the month of March, as well as totals of the Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Ms. Klock also shared an update on the progress of the Center for Military and Veteran Reintegration (CMVR) to East County.
 9. **Discussion Item:** Discussion on what issues to address in annual report regarding health and vibrancy of San Diego Veterans and Military Service recipients. Chair Jude suggested reviewing the list of all Veteran organizations who have presented in previous meetings. This will help the Council understand how to effectively support them and refer their services to Veterans who may be in need of their services.
 10. **Discussion Item:** Suggested topic for future meetings: All San Diego Military and Veterans Advisory Council. The Council Members requested to add additional organizations that is categorized by Veteran's needs, to provide accurate assistance to the Veterans and families.

ADJOURNMENT/SET NEXT MEETING:

The meeting was adjourned at 2:11 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on June 20, 2024